FISCAL NOTE

SB 2683 - HB 2884

February 11, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an offense for a person to knowingly operate an audiovisual recording function of a device where a motion picture is being exhibited for the purpose of recording a theatrical motion picture without the consent of the owner or the lessee of such facility and the licensor of the motion picture. The first violation of this provision will be punished as a Class A misdemeanor and the second offense or subsequent offense will be punished as a Class E felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,700/Incarceration* Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes one Class E felony conviction every three years. Also, impact to local government depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. Such impact is not estimated to be significant.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director